



USDA Deputy Secretary Merrigan brings locally grown food message to Kansas

By Donna Sullivan, Editor

USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan paid a visit to Kansas on October 13 to bring her conversation on locally produced food to the Sunflower State. Her day began with a stop at the Community Mercantile Co-Op in Lawrence where she spoke of the opportunity for economic growth of the community by providing a direct market for local farmers and food manufacturers. She then traveled to Manhattan, where she held a press conference at the International Grain Science Center.

That evening she spoke to K-State students, professors and administrators, her topic being the USDA's 'Know Your Farmer Know Your Food' initiative.

From the outset she emphasized that the initiative was not intended to run counter to traditional production agriculture. "Large scale production agriculture and the local food movement do not have to combat each other," she said. "The USDA is not calling for extremes." She discussed finding coexistence for the different facets of agriculture, such as GMO and non-GMO producers.

Direct marketing for smaller farmers, cost-share programs for hoop houses that allow small producers to better control nutrients and extend their growing seasons, grants for farmers' markets and mobile food trucks for smaller communities are just a few features of the initiative.

With no office or budget for the initiative, Merrigan said they are simply trying to

start a national dialogue about food. "Whatever gets people talking about agriculture, I think is a good thing," she asserted.

Part of her presentation included questions such as 'What is the cost of an average milking parlor for fifteen or sixteen cows?' Many were surprised that the correct answer was \$300,000. The students were asked to answer using clickers that recorded their responses. "The K-State students did pretty well," she said afterwards. "But you should see some of the faces of young people when I tell them that a combine might cost \$250,000. They just get a whole different reality on American agriculture. Or that the average chicken lasts six weeks — some people would say two years."

Understanding the general public's perception of agriculture is important as the Farm Bill process continues. "We're writing a Farm Bill in the midst of one of the greatest economic crises we've ever had," she said. While she thinks there will be cuts to direct payments, she hopes to see disaster programs protected. Referencing the many extreme weather events the nation has experienced this year, she believes this could be the biggest indemnity year ever in agriculture. "At the end of the day, we need a strong disaster program and a strong crop insurance program," she stated.

Merrigan explained Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack's perspective of the farm safety net. "He says that even in good farm years,



USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan speaks to K-State students about the agency's 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative. Photo by Donna Sullivan

when farmers and ranchers are doing well economically, it's not enough. We need a farm safety net that is really a rural America safety net. Because if you don't have a little Main Street where you can have off-farm income for your spouse or kids, if you don't have access to health care and if you don't have a community where teachers, when they graduate from college, they want to move in to your town and teach the kids, the whole thing doesn't work. So we've really been talking about what we can do to help out in the countryside."

She pointed out that 74% of the USDA's budget goes to nutrition assistance programs, while 13% goes to

farm and commodity programs and 6% goes to research. One in seven people receives nutrition assistance and 28% of the USDA budget goes to the WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program. While a large share of the Farm Bill goes to non-farm programs, Merrigan says they are in-

cluded to make the overall bill more palatable to legislators. "I think a lot of analysts looking historically would say that the reason we have a Farm Bill as we do with its many titles and all the nutrition programs is because we have a decreasing number of legislators in Congress who hail from

rural districts. It's hard to pass a Farm Bill if you don't have sweeteners in it, so to speak, for urban-oriented members and their constituents. So there was some strategy in coupling a lot of these things together."

Connecting people to their food and putting a face to the farmer that produces it is part of how USDA hopes to raise awareness of and support for American agriculture. "I think that whatever brings people to be interested in agriculture again, there's this renaissance of interest," she said. "That's a really good opportunity. Even if people come from a hyper-critical viewpoint because they read some book or they watched some movie or their friend told them something. That their interest is piqued means that people like me and you and the farmers and ranchers of America have a chance to tell their story in a big way."

"The lack of literacy about American agriculture is our biggest challenge right now and we need to overcome it," Merrigan said. "So I'm not worried that people come at agriculture with concerns, because at least they're listening. And I'm ready to talk."

New Kansas crop forecast more dismal than last month

(AP) — The latest government forecast of the size of the Kansas fall harvest paints an even more dismal picture than last month's estimate.

Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service two weeks ago projected corn production in the state at 451.5 million bushels, or 22 percent smaller than last year's crop and down 4 percent from the September forecast.

Their updated forecast comes despite the fact that Kansas farmers planted 4.9 million acres of corn — 50,000 acres more than a year ago. But many of those acres were abandoned as an unrelenting drought and a record-breaking string of triple-digit temperatures decimated fields. The October forecast estimated just 4.3 million of those corn acres to be actually harvested this fall in Kansas.

Besides the fewer acres, another factor in the lower numbers is that corn yields also are down.

The average corn yield in Kansas is now pegged at 105 bushels per acre. That is 20 bushels per acre less than the yield in 2010. If the estimate holds up, that would make it the lowest corn yield in the state since 1983.

The outlook also predicts a more modest fall harvest of the other major crops in the state:

- Soybean production was forecast 102.6 million bushels, down 26 percent from last year.
- Sorghum grain crops were expected to bring in 129.3 million bushels, down 24 percent from a year ago.
- Sunflower harvest was forecast at 160.8 million pounds, down 14 percent from last year.
- Cotton production is anticipated to total 83,000 bales, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Fall harvest of major grain crops continues across Kansas, but the tighter supplies mean pricier feed stock costs for cattle producers, feedlot operators, dairies and others come this winter.

Among the most telling is the forecast for alfalfa hay production of 1.95 million tons. That figure is down 21 percent, making it the smallest alfalfa crop in Kansas since 1956. The 650,000 acres of alfalfa grown this year in Kansas represents the lowest acreage in the state since 1941.

Other hay production was pegged at 2.85 million tons, down 12 percent from last year.

No change planned in dust regulations

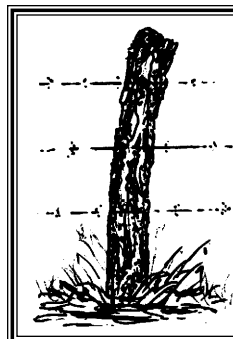
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The dust has settled and farmers and ranchers can breathe a sigh of relief that at least one potential change in regulations that had been troubling them seems to have gone by the wayside.

In an October 14 letter to U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson stated that "Based on my consideration of the scientific record, analysis provided by EPA scientists, and advice from the Clean Air Science Advisory Council, I am prepared to propose the retention — with no revision — of the current PM10 standard and form

when it is sent to OMB (Office of Management and Budget) for interagency review."

PM10 is coarse particulate matter that can be caused by construction and demolition activities, industrial operations, wildfires and dust from unpaved roads. The EPA's Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter had raised concerns in the ag community that if the allowable standard was lowered, they would routinely be out of compliance as they performed many of the tasks involved in the industry.



The Learning Post

By Gordon Morrison
Concordia Rancher and
Former Agriculture Educator

Redistribution

During one's lifetime, a person may accumulate a considerable amount of wealth, but at death, it is all left behind. The assets are then redistributed or passed on to others. While specific items may be willed to family members or friends, often estate sales are held with the proceeds distributed to the heirs. Although estate sales may be handled in different ways, the usual way is by auction.

How well I remember as a young boy going to auctions that were fairly common during the Dust Bowl days in western Kansas. Not only was it hard to raise any crops, but people were dying of dust pneumonia. Many families sold their possessions at auction and left to move to a place where the dust didn't blow so much. The church ladies usually had a food stand at these sales as a fundraiser. I can still see Mrs. Swendt serving pie. After cutting the pie, she would lick her knife and say, "Anyone want a piece of apple pie for ten cents?" Then she would cut the next pie with the same knife.

The auction is a pretty common way to redistribute items to be sold, whether it be household items, land, bulls, machinery, or items of art selling for millions of dollars. It is also a fair means of selling property but is not perfect. Since the item being sold goes to the highest bidder, the price can be unpredictable and may go to the extreme in either direction, exceeding expectations or disappointing the seller. A buyer who is able to pay a reasonable price may be left out because someone with a fatter wallet wants it and is able to "go for it."

I recall that in the early 1940s there were a few surplus commodities that had been purchased by the government that were distributed to schools. Mom packed our school lunches that might consist of a sandwich or bread and molasses, maybe an apple topped off with a cookie or two, in a Karo syrup bucket. A serving of fruit at school from the government surplus was a delight, a real treat for the children, but it happened only a few times. Most schools today offer a school lunch program that provides meals for children, regardless of ability to pay. Some families pay the regular price, but many are offered reduced rates and in some cases free meals, depending on need. Whether rich or poor, children need to be fed if they are to be able to learn and become educated. Adequate education is important in enabling them to hopefully become good providers as adults.

This distribution, or redistribution, was expanded to include adults by assistance in the form of food stamps, welfare checks, etc. It is a process of providing assistance to those who have not by taking

from those who have by means of taxation and redistributing the wealth. While this government program has been abused, the original intent of it was good and it has, no doubt, been a good thing for some families and kept them from starving. It has helped some to survive until they could manage for themselves again. The problem is that some begin to depend on these provisions to take them through life and that attitude may be passed on to their children, grandchildren, and other generations that follow.

Many people have achieved prosperity through being industrious, willing to take risks while still being conservative or frugal with resources, and through hard work. They are able to enjoy some comforts of life that in earlier years would have been considered luxuries, or wants rather than necessities. Those not in this position may view it and desire the same even though they cannot afford it. Government assistance should not provide it for them.

Most Americans, I believe, are generous at heart and are willing to help those who are truly needy — not only through their individual charitable giving but through reasonable government programs funded by taxes. Hopefully, these programs would be a help and not become a hindrance to the progress of the recipients by making them totally dependent upon the assistance.

Now, it seems we are constantly hearing the expression "Redistribution of Wealth." What does it mean? I fear this is a demand that may go far beyond merely helping those who truly need and deserve some assistance. Many who enjoy the benefits of living in a country that has flourished under capitalism are "bad-mouthing" it and leaning toward socialism and even communism. Capitalism has worked well in this country from its beginnings, and the American way of life with freedom to pursue one's dreams has provided tax revenues to run the government. Without the capitalists, would there be a complete government takeover?

While our government is run by imperfect individuals who have made some bad decisions, often politically motivated, it still allows us the freedom and ability to adjust and correct mistakes. One way we can do this is by voting the right people in to represent us in Washington, by being aware and staying alert as to what is going on in our country, and to encourage our representatives to make the right choices. Even though it is often inefficient, I believe our system of governing is the best in the world. May we be vigilant and careful to help safeguard our country against a more restrictive and powerful system.

*The fact is, that to do anything
in the world worth doing, we must not stand back
shivering and thinking of the cold and danger,
but jump in and scramble through as well as we can.*

— Robert Cushing



This past week I've been in Perth, Western Australia, where I accompanied my husband to some pork industry events and of course, did some whale watching and sightseeing. While on this mini-vacation, I had the opportunity to visit Joanna Plains Feedlot, located in Cataby, W.A., which is about two hours north of Perth. You may be thinking, "Wow, she went to a feedlot, that's

not very interesting," — however, this wasn't a typical feedlot that you'd find scattered throughout the Midwestern United States.

Unlike most of its American counterparts, this feedlot stocked Angus x Wagyu crossbred cattle. The cow base was comprised of Angus x Wagyu females which they breed to Wagyu bulls. The offspring are then grass-fed for 12-18

months and grain-finished for approximately 300 days. Even though Wagyu cattle grow much slower than most beef breeds, through hundreds of years of genetic selection they have developed a capability to produce extensively well marbled beef without excessive external fat. Additionally, unlike U.S. producers who feed corn during the finishing phase, the main feed sources for Western Australian Wagyu are oat hay, barley and lupins, which give the meat a unique flavor profile. After finishing, they are slaughtered, processed and exported to Japan where

Prairie Ponderings

By Donna Sullivan

I'll admit I was skeptical as I took my seat among the audience that gathered to hear USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan speak a couple of weeks ago. Like a mother bear ready to defend her cubs at the slightest hint of danger, I sat waiting for her to say anything that remotely resembled an attack on traditional production agriculture. Maybe I was expecting some wild-eyed, ultra-liberal maniac who spewed forth attacks the industry I care so deeply about. Silly me — I should have done more research.

The woman who addressed us was instead a very thought-provoking, passionate champion for all aspects of agriculture. She celebrated the Free Trade Agreements that had passed just that day while at the same time speaking of the economic benefits of direct marketing locally produced foods. She seemed to understand that one aspect

of agriculture does not have to succeed at the expense of another and there's no need to vilify modern production practices while promoting organic, antibiotic-free or locally grown.

After her presentation, I had a fifteen-minute session with her myself. I asked her if she was worried that an unintended consequence of the 'Know Your Farmer Know Your Food' initiative could be further misunderstanding and ill perceptions of large scale production agriculture. She's not worried about that at all. She believes that if people are willing to listen and ask questions and others are willing to share their passion for the industry, the resulting dialogue will strengthen agriculture for everyone.

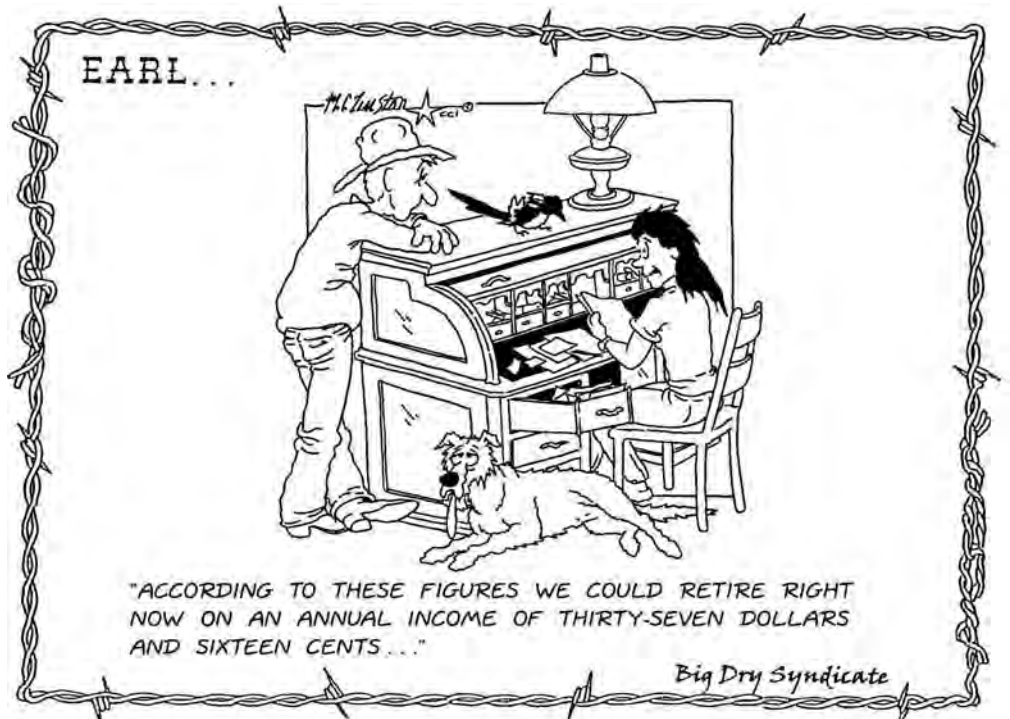
Maybe that's what we're missing the most in this country right now, and what's keeping us from solving some of our problems — the ability to listen

and make an honest attempt to understand each other's point of view. Maybe we're so busy digging in our positions, making our cases and speaking over the top of each other that we're failing to see solutions that have the overall good of our country and her people at their core. Maybe those solutions are right under our noses, but we ignore them because they seem to be coming from someone on the wrong side of the lines we've drawn in the sand.

I was guilty of exactly what irritates me the most in others — forming an opinion without getting all the facts and automatically assuming I'll disagree with someone simply because they are from 'the other party.'

As I sneak up on my fifth decade on this planet, I'm going to change that about myself. Not that I won't still have my convictions and beliefs, and not that I won't stand up for what I believe is right. But it's time to not just hear, but truly listen; to stop making general assumptions and let each person, idea and philosophy stand or fall on its own merit.

What do you think, anyone care to join me?



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there is high demand for the extremely flavorful and tender meat.

Japanese demand for Australian Wagyu beef has been increasing over the past few years, especially in 2010 during the Japanese foot-and-mouth disease outbreak. In fact, the Australian Wagyu Association is the largest of the breed's associations outside of Japan. There are about 28.8 million head of cattle in Australia and Wagyu cattle take up approximately 40% of the feedlot space in a 12-month period. Interestingly, this particular feedlot was in the process of building an onsite slaughterhouse to improve their marketability to Japan with the added bonus of being able to walk the cattle from the feedlot to the slaughterhouse.

While there is a high premium to be earned from selling Wagyu beef, American ranchers would most certainly be wary to attempt to turn a profit while feeding \$7/bushel corn for over 300 days. However, the appeal of utilizing the already abundant supply of high quality Angus cows, whose offspring could be marketed to high-end restaurants that cater to an urban consumer base, is not to be ignored. For those producers willing to take the risk, the

return may be well worth it. Australian producers have done a great job of supplying high quality Wagyu beef to a hungry Japanese market. If American producers follow in their footsteps, they could potentially capitalize upon a profitable opportunity.

I've yet to try Wagyu beef, mainly because it's so darn expensive, but I've seen it on display in high-end restaurants and it looks

utterly delicious. As soon as I conquer my post-graduate school job search, having a Wagyu steak is at the top of my to-do list.

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- 2 teaspoons oil
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- 1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 14.5-ounce can Italian-style stewed tomatoes, undrained
- 1/4 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups uncooked instant white rice

In 10-inch nonstick skillet heat oil over medium high heat. Sprinkle chicken tenders on all sides with seasoning, add to skillet. Cook 5-6 minutes stirring constantly until chicken is browned and no longer pink in center. Stir in tomatoes and water. Heat to boiling. Stir in rice. Cover, remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes or until liquid is absorbed.

Mrs. Edwin Bleam, Leavenworth:

TURNIP CASSEROLE

- 6 medium turnips
 - 3 cans cheddar cheese soup
 - 2 cups tortilla chips
- Prepare turnips then peel, chop and boil in small pieces in water until almost done. Pour water off and place in baking dish. Pour cheese soup over turnips then top with chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until brown.

Lucille Wohler, Clay Center:

SWEET POTATO PIE

- 1 cup mashed sweet potatoes
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 stick oleo
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Pinch salt

Warm all in saucepan until oleo melts. Put in an unbaked 9-inch pie crust and bake until lightly brown on top.

Mary Rogers, Topeka:

APPLE SLAW SALAD

- 4 cups coleslaw mix
 - 1/4 cup sliced green onions
 - 2 medium Granny Smith apples, cubed & not peeled
- Dressing:
- 3 tablespoons sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon apple pie spice
 - 3 tablespoons cider vinegar
 - 2 tablespoons oil

In a large bowl, toss salad ingredients to mix. In a small bowl, mix dressing ingredients until well-blended. Pour dressing over salad, toss gently to coat. Serve immediately or refrigerate until serving time.

Lois Lahodny, Belleville: "I though this sounded easy and fast. I intend to try it."

GAGA'S THREE-HOLER

- 1 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons cocoa, unsweetened
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup cold water

Measure flour, sugar, cocoa, soda and salt into sifter; sift twice. Sift all into an ungreased 9-inch square baking pan. Make 3 holes; put canola oil in one, vinegar in second and vanilla in the third. Pour water over all. Mix with a fork until blended and batter is thin. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, no more. Cake is so moist it doesn't need frosting.

Amy Feigley, Enterprise:

FRESH CORN CASSEROLE

- 8 ears of corn (still in the husk)
- 2/3 cup heavy cream
- 3 tablespoons salted butter
- 1/2 teaspoon salt to taste

Remove the corn from the husks. In a large, deep bowl, slice off the kernels of corn. With the dull side of the knife (or a regular dinner knife), press and scrape the cob all the way down to remove all the bits of kernel and creamy milk inside. Add heavy cream, salt to taste, a generous amount of ground pepper and butter;

mix well. Pour mixture into a baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 45 minutes or until thoroughly warmed through.

NOTE: You can also add fresh peppers if you desire.

Hannah Gerberding, Mayfield:

PEANUT BUTTER SHEET CAKE

- Sift together:
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Boil together:

- 1/2 cup vegetable oil
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1 cup water

Add this mixture to the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Stir in:

- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 eggs

Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes in a greased sheet cake pan. While cake is still hot, frost with frosting recipe below

- Frosting:
- For 1 minute boil:
- 1/2 cup crunchy peanut butter
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1 stick butter

Remove from heat & add:

- 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Sandy Hill, Eskridge: "Believe it! Yummy apple pie prepared in a slow-cooker."

SLOW-COOKER APPLE PIE

- 8 tart apples, cored, peeled & sliced
- 1 1/4 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

- 3/4 cup milk
- 2 tablespoons butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 1/2 cups biscuit baking mix, divided
- 1/3 cup brown sugar, packed
- 3 tablespoons chilled butter

Toss apples with cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg. Place in a lightly greased slow-cooker. Combine milk, softened butter, sugar, eggs, vanilla and 1/2 cup biscuit baking mix. Spoon over apples. Combine remaining biscuit baking mix and brown sugar; cut in chilled butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over mixture in slow-cooker. Do NOT stir. Cover and cook on low setting for 6 to 7 hours or until apples are tender. Serves 6 to 8.

Rose Edwards, Stillwater, Okla.:

EASY CHICKEN CASSEROLE

- 3-4 cooked chicken breasts, chopped
- 16-oz. bag wide noodles, cooked
- 24-oz. container sour cream
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 8-ounce package shredded cheddar cheese
- 8-ounce package shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

Combine all but cracker crumbs and butter and place in a 9-by-13-inch pan. Mix crumbs and butter; sprinkle over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until

crackers are crispy and golden and cheese is melted.

Fred Engler, El Dorado: "This can be made with any standard sourdough starter made with white flour."

CHERRY SOURDOUGH COFFEE CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup margarine or butter, chilled
- 1/2 cup sourdough starter
- 1 beaten egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 can cherry pie filling
- 1/2 cup quick rolled oats
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped nuts
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup margarine, chilled

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix 1 1/2 cups flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Cut in 1/2 cup margarine until mixture is crumbly. Mix sourdough starter, egg and vanilla. Add to flour mixture. Stir until just moistened. Spread half of the batter in a greased 9-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan. Spread cherry pie filling on top. Drop remaining batter in small mounds over filling. Mix oats, brown sugar, nuts and 3 tablespoons flour. Cut in 1/4 cup margarine until crumbly. Sprinkle over batter. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes.

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Peggy Jenkins sent the following in response to the recipe request for recipes to use with the starter.

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Do not use any metal spoons or bowls for mixing. Do not refrigerate. If any air gets into the bag, let it out. It is normal for batter to rise, bubble, and ferment.

Day 1: Do nothing (this is the date on the bag).

Day 2, Day 3, Day 4, and Day 5: Mush contents inside the bag.

Day 6: Add to bag: 1 cup flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 cup milk. Mush contents inside the bag.

Day 7, Day 8, Day 9: Mush contents inside the bag.

Day 10: Follow the instructions below.

Mix all ingredients inside the bag or pour the entire contents of the bag into non-metal bowl. Add:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 cups milk

Mix well and measure out four separate bread starter batters of approximately 1 cup each into four one-gallon Ziploc bags that you have marked with the start date, add date, and bake date. Keep a "starter" for yourself and give three to friends and family along with a copy of the directions and recipe ideas.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

To the remaining bread batter starter add the wet ingredients and mix:

- 3 beaten eggs or egg substitute
- 1 cup oil or 1/2 cup oil & 1/2 cup applesauce
- 1/2 cup milk

- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup sugar (1/2 cup sugar works fine)
- 2 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 large box of instant vanilla pudding

You can add 1/2 to 1 cup of chopped pecans according to your taste. Mix all the dry ingredients in a separate bowl and add it slowly to the wet ingredients.

Mix 1/2 cup sugar and 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon (can adjust this to your taste).

Grease two large loaf pans, 3-4 small ones, or a bundt pan (this bread is more like coffee or pound cake). Sprinkle with half sugar-cinnamon mixture to coat bottom & sides of pan. Pour the batter evenly into the pans and sprinkle with remaining sugar-cinnamon mixture, and chopped nuts or raisins to your liking. Bake 45 minutes to 1 hour or more in larger pans or until a baking needle comes out clean. Cool until bread loosens from the pan (15-20+ min). Turn onto serving dish. If you keep a starter for yourself, you will be baking every 10 days. The bread is very good, freezes well and makes a good gift.

Amish Friendship Bread Recipe Ideas

Almond Bread: Leave out cinnamon, replace vanilla with almond extract and add a cup of sliced almonds.

Chocolate Bread: Replace vanilla pudding with chocolate pudding and add 1 cup chocolate chips.

Lemon Bread: Leave out the

cinnamon, replace vanilla with lemon extract, and replace vanilla pudding with lemon pudding, glaze with lemon curd.

Apricot-Walnut Bread: Leave out cinnamon, replace vanilla pudding with cheese-cake pudding, and add 6 ounces/1 cup chopped dried apricots and 1 cup walnut pieces, glaze with apricot jam.

Apple Bread: Add 1 cup chopped apples.

Banana-Nut Bread: Add one mashed banana and 1 cup chopped nuts.

Pistachio Bread: Leave out cinnamon; replace vanilla pudding with pistachio pudding.

Coconut-Pecan Bread: Leave out cinnamon, replace vanilla with coconut extract. Replace vanilla pudding with coconut pudding; add 1 cup shredded coconut and 1 cup pecan pieces.

Cranberry-Walnut Bread: Leave out cinnamon, replace vanilla pudding with cheese-cake pudding, add 1 cup dried cranberries and 1 cup walnut pieces.

Butterscotch Bread: Leave out cinnamon, replace vanilla pudding with butterscotch pudding, and add 1 cup butter brickle or Heath bar pieces, glaze with caramel.

Any flavor of pudding can be used to make your special bread. Glaze, fruit or nuts can be added for sweeter bread.



By Lou Ann Thomas

Growing up, my mother made my Halloween costumes. My all-time favorite was the pumpkin. Using orange cloth stretched over a wire frame and stuffed with newspaper, she fashioned a big, plump pumpkin with black triangles for eyes, nose and mouth. I wore orange tights and a green hat to finish it off in style.

However, we didn't realize until it was time to go to my school's Halloween party that I couldn't sit down in the costume. I had to lie down in the back seat of the car to get to the party and then had to stand all evening. Toward the end of the evening we had a hula hoop contest. Let me just say that scissors won't cut through a hula hoop once a pumpkin is stuck in it.

I'm not as industrious or the talented seamstress my mother was so these days I rarely go farther than my

Easy costumes from our closets

closet to find a suitable costume. Although, I'm not sure what it says about my wardrobe that I actually have choices of Halloween costumes in my closet.

One of the easiest costumes I've discovered is "Static Cling." Just hitch up a pant leg and attach socks, small towels and lint balls to your clothes. Adding enough gel to your hair so it stands straight up is a fun added touch.

Another really easy costume is to dress as a Chia Pet. For this all you do is wrap duct tape around yourself with the sticky side out and roll around in your yard before departing for the party. An equally simple costume is to go as a "Runaway Bride." This consists of nothing more than an old bridal gown and a pair of sneakers.

Taking a little more work, but still fun, is to go to your favorite Halloween party as a substitute teacher. Wear your hair up in a bun and your glasses on a chain around your neck, then stick a paper airplane in your hair and attach a "Kick Me" note on your back.

Whatever costume you or your kids decide to wear on Halloween be sure sitting is possible and that seeing and being seen is a priority. But you don't have to spend a fortune to have a creative, one-of-a-kind costume.

Like this year, I've decided to simply attach artificial flowers to my favorite sweatshirt and jeans. That's right; this Halloween I'm going to the party as a "Blooming Idiot."

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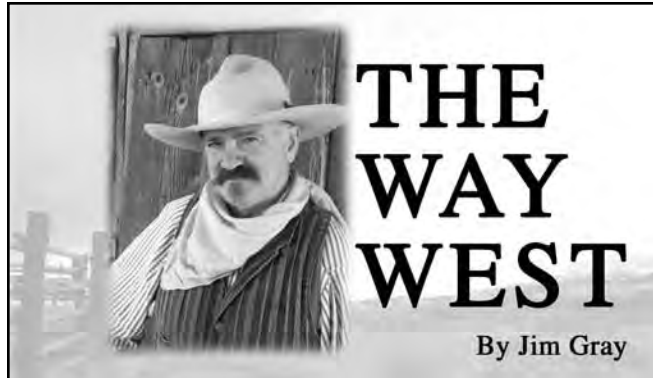
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THE WAY WEST

By Jim Gray

A Macabre Twist of Fate

The Red Light was Caldwell's most notorious dance house. George and Maggie Woods arrived in Caldwell early in 1880 to stake their claim in the "sporting" business of the town. The two received a proper education in the trade in Wichita under the eminent tutelage of Bessie Earp,

wife of James Earp and sister-in-law of Wyatt Earp. Caldwell had just gained a railroad connection which meant that the great herds of Texas cattle would bring cowboys to their dance house by the score.

From its beginnings the Red Light was seen as the downfall of many a good

man and woman. The combination of whiskey, women and song were certain to, "...bring the worst passions of mankind into action." The boisterous atmosphere drew men to the Red Light like moths to the flame. And so it was that a young Texan by the name of Charlie Davis came to the Red Light to plead with sweet Lizzie Roberts. He hoped she would return with him to their home. Lizzie was not so inclined and told Charlie that she preferred the climate at the Red Light to that of living with him. Red Light proprietor George Woods joined the dispute and took Lizzie's side.

Woods impressed Davis with the observation that Lizzie, "...should not go unless she wanted to." Taking offense at the interference Davis asked Woods what he had to do with it. The tone of the disagreement escalated when Woods replied that he had a great deal to do with it and that Davis should leave. With that Davis pulled his six-shooter and put a bullet through Woods, who was standing only three feet away. Woods lunged at Davis and the two wrestled about the room and out the door embraced in a struggle for the gun. Suddenly a second shot exploded. The shot went

wild but caused Woods to lose his grip on Davis. In that moment Davis took his chances and ran away. Woods stumbled back into the barroom. In hesitating words he told onlookers that he had been killed. Maggie Woods rushed to George and held him in her arms as he told her, "Catch Charley Davis and prosecute him to the fullest extent of the law." His final words in front of witnesses were for Maggie to "keep all the property, do the best she could, and to be a good girl."

escaped from custody and made his way to Indian Territory. Maggie followed George's advice to "do the best she could" by keeping the Red Light running full bore. She hired George Spear to run the saloon and according to the August 25, 1881, Sumner County Press, "The dance still goes on."

But Maggie was in for a surprise from the man she trusted to take George's place at the bar. Shortly after George Wood's funeral and burial, George Spears and Dave Sharp returned to the grave, intent on retriev-

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TRACT 1: 136.8 acres more or less.

LEGAL: The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4, SE/4) of Sec. 7 and from the SW corner of Sec 7, Twp 20S, Rge 11 East of the 6th PM, Lyon County, KS; 1131.43' east to the point of beginning thence North 93 1/3 rods, thence east to the east line of the West half (W/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE/4) thence south 93 1/3 rods, thence west to the point of beginning.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION: 80 Acres, approximately 79.2 taxable, slightly rolling hay meadow with one brushy draw. Almost every acre can be hayed. Fenced well on 3 sides at time of this printing, by time of closing property will be fenced on all sides. There is no water on the property but does have an area which appears to be favorable for a pond. Good access on Rd H as a low maintenance road on the east side. Utilities within 1/4 mile, improvements are possible.

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ing a diamond stick pin from the corpse. George Spears' girlfriend, named only as Blanche in the newspaper, followed them and witnessed the men in their gruesome task. The story came to light nine months later when Blanche went to the police. According to the May 18, 1882, Caldwell Commercial, "When the earth had been removed to the box which contained the casket, they broke the top off with a hatchet, then broke the lid and glass of the case, removed the diamond pin from the shirt front on the body, and then filled in the earth, never taking the trouble to fix the casket so that

the dirt would not fall in upon the body."

Dave Sharp was arrested and at Maggie Woods' request the body was exhumed. A careful examination found marks on the shirt front where the pin had been, but no pin. Sharp denied any knowledge of grave robbing. He argued that Blanche's story was a lie. The case was decided June 10, 1882. Sharp stuck to his story and with only the word of Blanche, a known prostitute, the case was dismissed. Dave Sharp's partner in the alleged crime, George Spears, was not available for prosecution. Spears had been killed six months earlier during a

wild shootout, December 17, 1881, known as the "Talbot Raid on Caldwell." Ironically George Spears was resting in his own grave. Unaware of the desecration of her husband's corpse, Maggie Woods arranged for Spears to be buried right next George Woods in an interesting little twist of fate on The Way West.

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Kansas cowboys, cowgirls enter regional rodeo

The list of entries has been set for the regional pro rodeo championship, the Ram Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeo, which will be held October 29-30, at the Don Mitchell Arena, BOP Ram Rodeo Grounds in Weatherford, Oklahoma. More than a hundred of Kansas, Nebraska, and Oklahoma's best cowboys and cowgirls will travel to Weatherford to compete for prize money and the title of Prairie Circuit Champion.

Headlining the list of contestants are cowboys who have won world titles and those who have competed on the world's stage numerous times. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, is a two-time world champion steer roper. He will compete at the Finals. Joining him are a host of other Sunflower State

contestants, including barrel racer Jeanne Anderson, White City; saddle bronc riders Jesse James Kirby, Dodge City, and Brett Olive, Ford; steer

wrestlers Shane Henderson, Winfield and Jeff Miller, Blue Mound; and bull riders Jesse Pohlmann, Ft. Scott, and Ty Clearwater, LaCygne.



Steer wrestler Jule Hazen, Ashland, competes at the Elk City, Okla. rodeo in 2007. He will compete at the 2011 Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeo Oct. 29-30.

Photo by Kirk Voska

Several area cowboys and cowgirls have qualified to compete at this year's Circuit Finals. Included in the qualifying contestant list are a host of area cowboys in nearly every rodeo event. Jeff Miller, Blue Mound, will compete in the tie-down roping and steer wrestling. Ft. Scott resident Yancey Day will ride barebacks; Shane Hand will ride saddle broncs, and Jesse Pohlmann will com-

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pete in the bull riding. Tie-down roper Kolby Ungeheuer, Columbus, will also compete.

The Finals is the year-end championship for the 40 pro rodeos in Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma that make up the Prairie Circuit. The rodeo begins at 6 p.m. on October 29 and at 2 p.m. on October 30. For more information, visit the Prairie ProRodeo Circuit page on Facebook.



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Horses, on the other hand, may be stuck in the same pasture with a bully

or tyrant and have to live with that disageeable character. Put yourself in a horse's position and try to imagine what it would be like getting bit or kicked every time chow was served.

Some horses are so terrified of the bullies they will submit to the abuse as an acknowledgement of their superiority. Maybe you've seen a younger

horse simply lay down on the ground when a bad actor chases after them to inflict bodily harm. I've seen it with my own horses and it's sad to watch. The horse goes to the ground in total submission. There is a big difference between a dominant horse or the leader of the herd and a trouble maker. Usually an older mare takes care of the band, leading them to water or better grass. If you're a hunter you've probably watched a herd of elk being led by an older cow while the bulls follow along behind. Being the leader or alpha horse doesn't mean the horse is the meanest of the bunch. It means she dominates others in her band because

of her wisdom, experience and guidance. She is respected and can be depended on to make the right decisions.

A trouble maker is just that. A horse that's always causing trouble. They steer clear of the dominant horse and never even consider giving her a hard time. The leader simply has to flatten her ears to tell the bullies to find someone else to pick on.

Once a trouble maker finds another horse that he can intimidate, he will often become relentless and continually cause grief to the other horse. They will constantly chase that horse away from their feed even though the feed is all the same and each horse

has its own pile of hay.

The trouble makers are the ones that bust fences and gates, fight across the fence with horses in another pasture, are hard to catch and, if you put them in a stall, they will find ways to tear things up that are supposed to be indestructible. Those trouble makers are the worst kind.

One of the best horses we have is a trouble maker, of sorts. If he can get away with it, he will pick on

every horse in the pasture that he can intimidate. We can't put him in with yearlings or young horse because they will all show up with teeth and kick marks all over their bodies. He has to be pastured with horses that won't put up with his bullying. If a horse fights back or kicks him where it hurts, he won't bother them any more and their troubles are over.

He seems to have two different personalities.



Twilya L'Ecuyer, county coordinator for Washington County Farm Bureau, is pictured with Edie Dahlsen and Glenn Brunkow at the 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' round table hosted by Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan. The round table discussed the importance of connecting consumers and farmers. The newest edition of *Kailey's Ag Adventures Growing Up Strong* was presented to Merrigan as Kansas Farm Bureau's effort to connect Kansas youth to Kansas Farmers and Ranchers. The round table was hosted at Kansas State University on October 13.

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TAXES: Buyer to pay all back taxes. (\$4958.96 as of 10/28/2011) 2010 tax \$1282.35.
LEGAL: North 82' of lots 1-4 except North 7' or lots 1-4 Less ROW. Railroad addition to city of Washington, Ks. Sec. 11 Twp 03 Rng 03 of the 6th P.M.

Tract 2: 1159 17th Rd. Washington Ks. 10:15 am on site ABSOLUTE
DESCRIPTION: This approximate 1.7 acre site sits on the corner of Hwy 36 and Hwy 15 two miles south of the city of Morrowville Ks. There is a Vacant Convenience store, vacant restaurant building, canopy, several dispensers, shelving, above ground tanks, and easy on/off hwy access. These buildings have forced air furnaces, metal siding, and are in fair shape. The convenience store has a walk-in cooler.
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Tract 3: 1601 M. St. Belleville Ks. 11:45 am on site ABSOLUTE
DESCRIPTION: This corner lot approx 96'x72' lot located on the north end of M St. In Belleville Ks. has an older service station type building with 3 bays and an office area. The fuel tanks were removed years ago, leaving a nice building for storage or a small business.
TAXES: Buyer to pay all back taxes. (\$2996.40 as of 10/28/2011) 2010 taxes \$1045.18.
LEGAL: Lot 4 and North half of lot 3 Blk 9 original town of Belleville Ks.

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Washington/Clay/Marshall County farm tour and dinner rescheduled

The Washington/Clay/Marshall County conservation tour of Lucinda and Sheila Stuenkel's farms has been rescheduled for Monday, November 7. The tour was postponed from an earlier date. "A Conservation Journey to Improve Water Quality and Grazing" is the theme for the tour and educational program. The Stuenkels will host the tour on their farms, which are located on the boundary of Washington and Clay counties. The tour will begin at the Stuenkel's farmstead at 1835 Parallel Road, Palmer, at 1 p.m. (See directions below).

"The Stuenkel families have been very progressive in their grazing and cattle

management techniques as well as conscientious of water quality and environmental impact," stated Robin Slattery, Washington County Extension office. "They would like to share their newly completed projects with other farm families and discuss visions for the future."

Conservation projects featured will be: geotextile use for watering and feeding sites, grazing cover crops, converting expired CRP into productive pasture, planning windbreaks and summer cattle shade, and streambank stabilization and sediment basins. Educational speakers attending include Dale Strickler, Star Seed Inc.,

Thad Rhodes, Kansas Forest Service, and Will Boyer, K-State Watershed Specialist. Registration will begin at 1:00 pm with the hayrack ride tour starting at 1:30 pm. A free dinner will follow the tour.

Please RSVP to the Washington Extension office, 785-325-2121, or e-mail at rslat@ksu.edu by November 4. This program is jointly sponsored by the Tuttle Creek WRAPS program, Clay, Washington, and Marshall County Conservation Districts, K-State Research and Extension, and the

Kansas Rural Center. Any further rescheduling due to weather will be announced via local radio stations the morning of the tour.

Directions to Lucinda Stuenkel's farm: From Hwy. 15: Turn East on Clay County 30th Road (aka 362 or Fact Road) for 3 miles, then north 1 mile on Quail Rd., and east 1.5 miles on Parallel Rd.; or from Hwy. 119 or Utah Road: Turn west on Clay County 30th Road (aka 362 or Fact Road) for 4 miles, then 1 mile north on Quail Rd., and 1.5 miles east on Parallel Rd.

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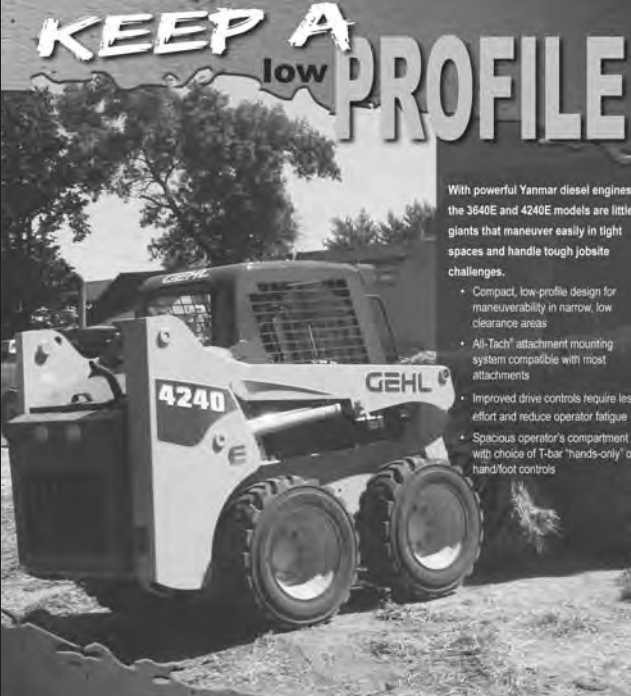
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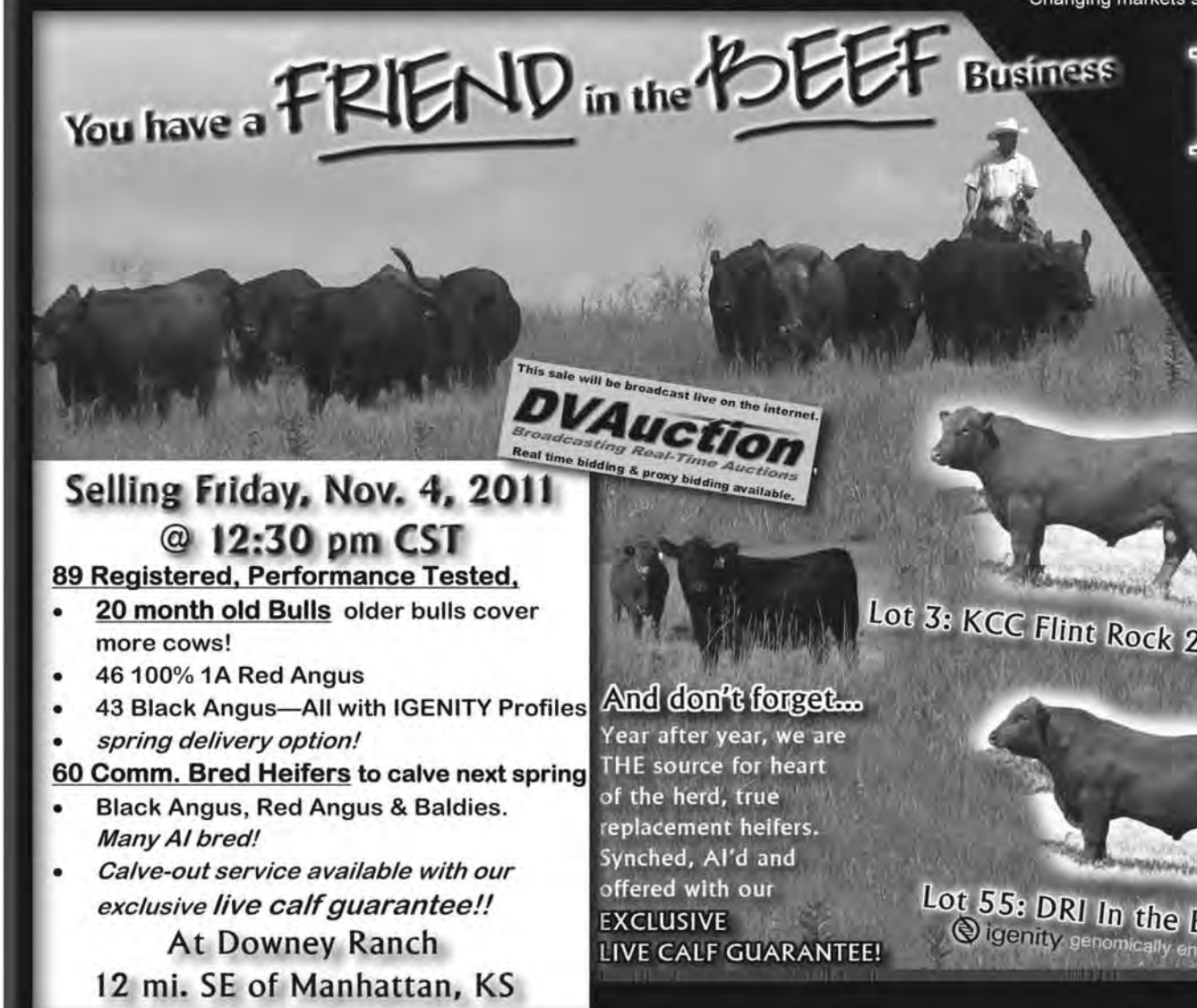
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October 29 — Guns, collectibles, bridles & tack, fishing items, advertising items, primitives, collectibles, leather tools at Ottawa. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

October 29 — Antiques, collectibles & toys at Marysville for Bernice Stohs & Others. Auctioneers: Don Prell and Dave Bures.

October 29 — Tractors, equipment, shop items, guns, furniture & household at Goessel for Melvin Miller. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

October 29 — Bulldozer, tractors, horse drawn equip., combines, machinery, lawn & garden, livestock equip., trucks, camper, horses, hay & grain, shop equip., trailers & misc. at Denison for Mary & the late Bob Robison. Auctioneers: Harris Auction Service.

October 29 — Tools, gun safe, guns, etc., vehicles, trailers, ATVs, engines at Peabody for Jeffrey Raskopf Estate. Auctioneers: Leppke Realty & Auction, Inc.

October 29 — Abandoned cars & trucks at Junction City for Gross Wrecker.

October 29 — Jewelry, memorabilia, games, collectibles at Newton for Ron Soller. Auctioneers: Auction Specialists, LLC.

October 29 — Tractors, combine, pickup, truck, trailer, camper, machinery, tools, household, collectibles W. of Formoso for Dan & Lynn Dempsey. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

October 29 — Boats & motors, firearms, tools, household, small camp trailer, fishing items at Abilene for Bill Jaderborg. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

October 29 — Trucks, tractors, machinery, gun items & misc., household, livestock misc., welder & pipe, propane tank & shop misc. at Marion for property of Rhonda Brenzikofer & the late Richard Brenzikofer. Auctioneers: Sam Griffin Auctions.

October 29 — Furniture, collectibles, glassware & misc., yard & shop items, many nice tools at Abilene for Mrs. Sondra (Jack) Irving. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co.

October 29 — Real estate, antiques & collectibles, household furniture, appliances, kitchenwares, glassware, generator, livestock equipment & misc. at Centralia for Harold & Esther Hoskins Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, Inc.

October 29 — Household goods, shop items, antiques & collectibles at Clay Center for Don Frazier. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

October 30 — Tractor w/ loader, 3 pt. equipment, guns, fishing boat, camper, livestock equip., misc. at Wellsville for Dean Roberts Estate, Kristie Roberts-Ross. Auctioneers: Buddy Griffin Auctions.

October 30 — Lawn tractor, appliances, furniture, pool

table, household, lawn items, tools & misc. at Topeka for Bob & Jo Zoeller Estate. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

October 30 — Antiques, collectibles, furniture, household & outdoor items at Cottonwood Falls for property of Elmore & Doris Stout, Dr. Titus Estates & bob and Sandy Long. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

October 30 — Collectibles, furniture, tools & boat at Council Grove for Mary Zerbe Estate. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

October 30 — Real estate, household items at Clifton for Peggy Black. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

October 30 — Antiques, jewelry, tools, household, sterling flatware, golf cart, utility trailer at Enterprise for Barbara Holloway. Auctioneers: Reynolds, Mugler & Geist.

October 31 — Rush County land, cultivation at La-Crosse for Craig J. Spomer and Constance S. & Curtis Fowler. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

November 1 — Seward & Butler Counties, Nebraska real estate at Valparaiso, Nebraska. Auctioneers: Farmers National Co.

November 1 — Nemaha County farmland or building site at Corning for J. Alan & Sandra J. Ward. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 2 — Woodson County land at Piqua. Auctioneers: Farmers National Company.

November 2 — Russell County grassland & CRP at Russell for Bruce Anspaugh. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

November 3 — 4 properties, Barber & Harper County at Medicine Lodge. Auctioneers: Weigand Auctions.

November 3 — Household goods, tools & collectibles at Clay Center for Max & Cyndy Smith. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

November 3 — Native grass pasture near Shawnee State Lake at Hoyt for Claire Holliday-Loomis & Bruce N. Holliday. Auctioneers: Pearl Real Estate & Appraisal Service.

November 3 — Saline County farmland & grassland at Salina for the Joe White Trust. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

November 5 — Vehicles, tractor, loader, farm related items, possible antiques & collectibles, guns, household & misc. NE of Lincoln for Leonard W. & Doris E. Holl, Family Trust. Auctioneers: Post Rock Auctions.

November 5 — Dickinson County grassland at Dickinson County for Mark & Glena Minter. Auctioneers: Gary Yocum.

November 5 — Ladies Nite 7 at Hiawatha for JR Adcock.

November 5 — Boat, bait & fishing supplies E. of Hillsboro for Canada Bait 'N Tackle. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

November 5 — Shop equip., toolboxes, guns & gun related items, tools, dune buggy, go cart, small race car, auto parts, farm related, chain saws, antiques, collectibles & misc. at Manhattan for Alan & Sharon Clark & items of late son Ross Clark. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

November 5 — Tractors, combine, headers, trucks, trailers, hay equip., machinery, livestock equip., misc. at Seneca for The late Richard & Janet Dalinghaus. Auctioneers: Wilhelm Auction Service.

November 5 — Jet Skis & trailers, boats, golf carts, utility trailers at Wichita. Auctioneers: Newcom Auction.

November 5 — Wheel loader, backhoe, semi trailers, trucks, hystor, trailers, acetylene cutting supplies, collectibles & misc. N. of Beatrice, Neb. for James E. "Jack" Smith. Auctioneers: Jurgens, Henrichs, Hardin.

November 5 — Harley Gerdes consignment auction at Lyndon.

November 5 — Real estate & personal property at Wamego for John & Elizabeth Lawless Trust. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 6 — Vehicles, lawn tractor, shop tools, guns, furniture, collectibles & misc. at Eudora for Darrell (Brad) Hime Estate. Auctioneers: Elson Auction Company.

November 6 — Western, guns, air guns, lanterns, ammo boxes, ammo, bows, traps, decoys, military, advertising, buckles, other collectibles at Salina. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 6 — Shades of Red & White Show Calf Sale online bid off. Lori Hambright, sale manager.

November 7 — Marion County real estate at Burns for Property of Bertha Zogelman. Auctioneers: Sam Griffin Auction.

November 7 — Russell County real estate at Russell for Rogg Heirs. Auctioneers: Farmland Auction & Realty Co., Inc.

November 8 — Antiques, collectibles, household, tools & other at Jamestown for Arvid & Alice Flewelling. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 9 — Jewell County real estate at Mankato for Ruth Clegg Estate, Donna King, owner. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 9 — Tractors, trucks, farm machinery & hay E. of Cottonwood Falls for Cottonwood Ranch, Chris Burton. Auctioneers: Van Schmidt Auctions.

November 10 — Jewell County real estate at Jewell for Rod & Rita Rose. Auctioneers: Thummel Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 10 — Pasture & cropland at Miltonvale for Heirs of Mabel Comfort Trickle. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

November 10 — Shawnee County land at Topeka. Auctioneers: Schrader Real Estate & Auction Company, Inc.

November 10 — Dickinson

County farmland & grassland at Abilene for Harold L. & Edna M. Emig Trust. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

November 11 — Real estate & personal property at Wamego for Gary L. Dewese Estate. Auctioneers: Crossroads Real Estate & Auction, LLC.

November 12 — Real estate, automobile, household at Hanover for Mary Poell. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

November 12 — 20th bull sale featuring Simmental, Sim-Angus, Angus & Red Angus at Moser Ranch.

November 12 — Antique household at Abilene for George Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co.

November 12 — Home at Manhattan for Bud & Betty Shawgo. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

November 12 — Nemaha County real estate at Centralia for Robert L. Ward Estate. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 12 — Furniture, household, R/C airplanes, pocket watches, guns, tools & misc. at Lawrence for Paul S. Kuszewski Jr. Estate. Auctioneers: Paxton Auction Service.

November 12 — Farm machinery & related items consignment at Council Grove. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

November 12 — Furniture, appliances, riding lawn mower, tools & misc. at Junction City for Dorothy I. Schartau Estate. Auctioneers: Brown Real Estate & Auction Service, LLC.

November 14 — John Deere machinery, farm related items & misc. S. of Waterville for Jim & Rhonda Tilley. Auctioneers: Kretz, Hauserman, Bloom Auction Service.

November 17 — Lyon County land at Olpe for Donna A. Williams Living Trust. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

November 19 — Washington County farmland at Hanover for the Albert F. Boyer Trust. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

November 19 — Antique guns at Marysville. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

November 19 — Riley County real estate at Manhattan for Bernard & Betty Sue Wells Trust. Auctioneers: Gannon Real Estate & Auctions.

November 19 — Recreational/farm land at Randolph for Ann Nemecek. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott Realty & Auction.

November 19 — Pickups, trucks, farm equipment & household items N. of Hope for the Virginia Rock Estate. Auctioneers: Chamberlin Auction Service.

November 19 — Farm items, farm machinery & livestock equipment at Talmage for George Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co.

November 19 — Antique guns at Marysville. Auctioneers: Olmsteds & Sandstrom.

November 19 — Annual Angus bull sale at Eureka for Dalebanks Angus.

November 20 — Furniture, guns, collectibles, primitives & tools at Council Grove for Pat Lapham. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

November 20 — Production sale at Enterprise for Hedgewood Prairie.

November 21 — Farm machinery, trucks, W. of Clifton for Douglas & Eleanor Kieffer. Auctioneers: Raymond Bott, Lee Holtmeier & Luke Bott.

November 26 — Motorcycle, tools, furniture & primitives at Council Grove for Dick Montgomery & others. Auctioneers: Hallgren Real Estate & Auctions.

November 26 — Shawnee & Jackson County native pasture & farmland at Hoyt for The Heirs of Ruth Helen Young. Auctioneers: Cline Realty & Auction, LLC.

November 26 — Cars, trucks, boats, campers, motor homes, motorcycles, ATVs, tractors, farm equipment, backhoes, mowers, tools, forklifts, guns at Salina. Auctioneers: Wilson Realty & Auction Service.

November 29 — Ottawa County farmland at Salina for Stan & Jeanne Pangrac. Auctioneers: Riordan Auction & Realty.

November 30 — Dickinson County real estate, household & acreage at Abilene for George Thompson Estate. Auctioneers: Ron Shivers Realty & Co.

November 30 — Real estate at Cuba for Terry & Connie Benyshek. Auctioneers: Larry Lagasse Auction & Real Estate.

December 1 — Chase County acreage & 1891 Limestone ranch home at Cottonwood Falls for Property of James Donahue & the late Joan Donahue. Auctioneers: Griffin Real Estate & Auction Service, LC.

December 10 — Household at Abilene for Keith Olson Trust. Auctioneers: Allyn Thompson & Ron Shivers Auction Co.

December 31 — Harley Gerdes 27th annual New Year's Consignment auction at Lyndon.

March 10, 2012 — Concordia Optimist Annual Machinery Consignment auction at Concordia.

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ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Master of None

It helps to know a little about a lot of things. It gives you a broad perspective. It also allows you to make a fool of yourself in many different areas! In my column readers may notice that I appear to have an opinion on almost everything in agriculture. It might impress some, but real authorities in certain areas can easily see how thin my expertise is spread.

For instance, I worked in a sheep Parasitology Lab during Ag School. I tell people casually that I helped work out the life cycles of *Thysanosoma actinoides*, *Stephanofilaria tylosi*, and *Elophora schneideri*. What I really did was hold the sheep, recover their intestinal contents at the slaughter house, and butcher the controls for the Home of the Good Shepherd orphanage.

I can dazzle people with my savvy of the anatomy of the hippopotamus, rhinoceros, blue whale, giraffe and elephant. I spent many weeks preparing my senior Vet School thesis titled, *The Anatomy of Five Non-Domestic Mammals*. I charged on regardless of the threat by the Board of Faculty Cli-

nicians, that if I chose such a frivolous subject they would give me a D. At that stage of my vet school education, I was no longer afraid of a D!

I started working in the feedlots as a summer vet student. Over three years and three different feedlots, I must have necropsied 300 head of dead beasts in my search for knowledge. Two of the summers I lived in poor accommodations, one with no running water. Apparently, I exuded the aroma of a rendering plant. At the Wednesday night church service, the bar after work, and the rare lunch invitation, I was treated like a wet dog! I always thought it was my accent, or my odd habit of describing infected lungs, abscessed livers or acidotic rumen contents.

Early in my veterinary career, I had occasion to amputate the hind leg of a 500 lb steer. With help, I got him down and restrained. I draped the area, scrubbed it, put on my latex gloves

and made a bold incision. Simultaneously, the cowboy crew ran 40 head of 1200 lb. fat steers down the alley just across the fence from my surgical theater! It looked like pictures of western Kansas during the Dust Bowl! I lay down over the operation site as the thundering herd passed less than four feet from my head!

My horse training knowledge can be summed up by my method of preventing my heeling horse from swinging out too far to the right, as I turn to throw my heel loop. My horse is on the right side of the steer's hip because I am left-handed. Which, according to most team ropers, is a sign of the devil. I thought by covering my horse's right eye, it

would prevent his turning out. For months I used this method. However, to some it appeared foolish. See, to cover that eye, I used one half of a bikini top!


I have long experience with constipated Dachshunds, wounded cowboys, bad musical instruments, voracious squeeze chutes, ungracious bartenders, Indian bucking horses, poopy

baby calves, Holstein cows that won't breed back, biting dogs, yowling cats, split rims that do bite back, Boone & Crockett mule deer bucks that escape, and University faculty boards that try to intimidate me with a D.

Yes, it helps to know a little about a lot of things... sometimes.


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